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August 11, 2014

The Honorable Yvette Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

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The Honorable William Lacy Clay
U.S. House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver
U.S. House of Representatives
2335 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Danny Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Donna Edwards
U.S. House of Representatives
2445 Rayburn House Office Building
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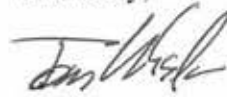
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The Honorable Keith Ellison
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chaka Fattah
U.S. House of Representatives
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2201 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2408 Rayburn House Office Building
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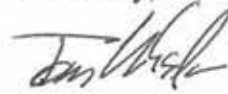
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The Honorable Alcee Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
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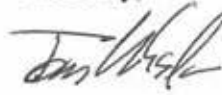
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425 Cannon House Office Building
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